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Thursday, October 16 2003

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SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES DIVISION

George McDonald
Vice President

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TO: Chairman Michael Powell

CC: Kyle Dixon

FAX NO: 2024182820

FROM: George McDonald, Vice President, Schools and Libraries Division

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SUBJECT: Wave Fourteen Funding Year 2003 E-Rate Funding Commitments

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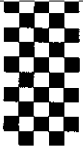
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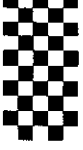
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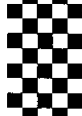
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If for some reason you need to call me my #414-672-3888, or feel free to write

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